

TREX PROPERTIES LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

25TH STREET HOLDING COMPANY
INC. et. al.,

Defendants.

“It has been the law for the better part of two centuries ... that a corporation may appear in federal courts only through licensed counsel.” Rowland v. California Men’s Colony, 506 U.S. 194, 201-02 (1993). Accord Gilley v. Shoffner, 345 F. Supp. 2d 563, 566 (M.D.N.C. 2004) (dismissing complaint of pro se corporate plaintiff); Microsoft Corp. v. Computer Serv. & Repair, Inc., 312 F. Supp. 2d 779, 780 (E.D.N.C. 2004) (same); Lexis-Nexis v. TraviShan Corp., 155 N.C. App. 205, 208, 573 S.E.2d 547, 549 (2002) (same); CIT Group/Commercial Services, Inc. v. Crystal Springs Apparel, LLC, No. 2:08-cv-00113-FDW, 2008 WL 2484512 (W.D. N.C. June 17, 2008) (same for LLC).

Accordingly, Defendant 25th Street Holding Company Inc. and James McHugh's "Motion to Strike Complaint and for Sanctions" (document #1105) is denied.

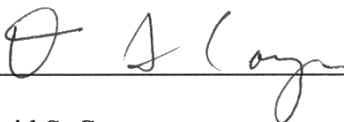
The Court warns Defendant that it must immediately retain counsel. Defendant is granted a thirty-day extension of time to retain counsel who shall appear and file an answer on Defendant's behalf. Failure to retain counsel may result in entry of default and default judgment.

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Defendant 25th Street Holding Company Inc. and James McHugh's "Motion to Strike Complaint and for Sanctions" (document #1105) is **DENIED**.
2. Defendant shall retain counsel who shall appear and file an answer within thirty days of this Order.
3. The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to pro se Defendant, to counsel for the parties and to the Honorable Kenneth D. Bell.

SO ORDERED.

Signed: February 24, 2022



David S. Cayer
United States Magistrate Judge

